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Moratorium on the use of the death penalty

Before operative paragraph 1, insert a new operative paragraph, reading:

Reaffirms the sovereign right of all countries to develop their own legal systems, including determining appropriate legal penalties, in accordance with their international law obligations;

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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of paragraph 18 of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions relating to Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders, and to offer assistance to the Government of Myanmar;

(b) To extend the appointment of the Special Envoy on Myanmar and submit the report of the Special Envoy covering all relevant issues addressed in the present resolution to the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session;

(c) To provide all assistance necessary to enable the Special Envoy to effectively discharge her mandate and to brief Member States every six months, or as otherwise requested or as warranted by the situation on the ground;

(d) To identify ways in which the existing mandates can more effectively deliver in their respective areas of responsibility and can complement each other's work through enhanced coordination;

(e) To call the continued attention of the Security Council to the situation in Myanmar with concrete recommendations for action towards resolving the humanitarian crisis, promoting the safe, dignified, voluntary and sustainable return of Rohingya refugees and forcibly displaced persons and ensuring accountability for those responsible for human rights violations.

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2. Under the terms of paragraphs 19 of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51, the General Assembly would request that the Special Envoy participate by way of interactive dialogue in the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly.

II. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

3. The activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to subprogramme 1, Prevention, management and resolution of conflicts, of programme 2, Political affairs, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 (see A/71/6/Rev.1), and section 3, Political affairs of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 3)).

III. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. Pursuant to operative paragraph 18 of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51, the Secretary-General would extend the appointment of the Special Envoy on Myanmar. The Special Envoy would carry out work relating to the good offices of the Secretary-General. Accordingly, the Office of the Special Envoy is assumed to be a special political mission under thematic special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General.

5. The Special Envoy on Myanmar would continue to function on a when-actually-employed basis and supported by a small team, based in Nay Pyi Taw and at Headquarters in New York.

6. The Office of the Special Envoy would continue to work with a wide range of actors, including the Government of Myanmar, to provide the good offices of the Secretary-General and encourage progress in the democratic transition and accountability of Myanmar. In particular, the Office would continue to work on promoting social cohesion and resolving the situation of the Rohingya community in Myanmar. In this context, in line with the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, the Special Envoy would undertake efforts so that there is a definite advancement towards the attainment of political, social and economic rights of the Rohingya community. The Special Envoy would continue to support and advocate the scaling-up of development projects in Rakhine, one of the poorest states in Myanmar.

7. To improve the conditions of the members of the Rohingya community living in Bangladesh and Myanmar, the Office of the Special Envoy would work with officials and all actors within and outside Myanmar to allow unfettered access to humanitarian support and to ensure the safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable return of the refugees to their areas of origin. In addition, the Special Envoy would support the efforts of the international community to provide continued political and financial support to the management of the multidimensional crisis by Bangladesh. In this regard, the Special Envoy would work for the effective implementation of the memorandum of understanding reached by the Government of Myanmar, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme on United Nations system support for creating the conditions for the voluntary, safe and sustainable return of refugees from Bangladesh and their reintegration into Rakhine State.

8. With regard to national reconciliation, the Office of the Special Envoy would continue to support efforts that would advance the peace process and lead to greater

inclusivity. The Special Envoy would aim to lead the efforts of the United Nations system so that national stakeholders and mechanisms are able to engage with various arms of the United Nations with the resources and tools available to support national reconciliation efforts.

9. In order to ensure close coordination with key stakeholders in Myanmar, the Office of the Special Envoy will be located in Nay Pyi Taw. In addition, in carrying out its mandate, the Office would work in partnership with a wide range of actors, both within the United Nations system and external partners. The Special Envoy would also work closely with the United Nations country team in Myanmar in a range of activities that may relate to his/her mandate. The Special Envoy would also maintain regular and close contact with interested Members States, including those of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. The presence of the Office in Nay Pyi Taw will also facilitate regular interaction with regional organizations and bilateral contacts with Member States.

IV. Estimated resource requirements

10. The estimated costs of continuing the provision of the good offices of the Secretary-General and of pursuing his discussions on human rights, democracy and reconciliation in Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders, and to offer technical assistance through his Special Envoy on Myanmar, as requested in paragraphs 18 (a) and (b) of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51, for a one-year period, from 1 January to 31 December 2019, amount to $1,232,300, net of staff assessment.

11. These resources would cover the salaries of the Special Envoy (Under-Secretary-General), a Head of Office (D-1), two Political Affairs Officers (1 P-5 and 1 P-4) and one Assistant (Local level), as well as other operational requirements. Other substantive support would be provided to the Special Envoy by the Department of Political Affairs, and other administrative support would be provided by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

12. The above requirements have been included in the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/73/352/Add.1).

V. Summary

13. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51, resource requirements amounting to $1,232,300 net of staff assessment would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019 for the continuation of the Office of the Special Envoy on Myanmar.**

14. **Approval for these requirements is being sought in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/73/352/Add.1), which is currently before the Assembly.**